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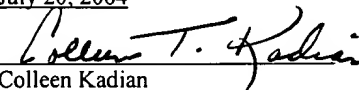
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2004 in the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

Petition for Extension of Time is on page 14 on this paper.

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